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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES FILING
DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS REGARDING WIRELESS
EMERGENCY ALERT AND EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM RULES**

PS Docket Nos. 15-94 and 15-91

Comments Due: July 21, 2023

Reply Comments Due: August 21, 2023

On April 21, 2023, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)*, FCC 22-30.¹ The *FNPRM* seeks comment on proposed rules to make Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) more accessible to people who do not speak English or Spanish and to those with disabilities who cannot access messages displayed in conventional format.² The *FNPRM* proposes rules that would integrate WEA more seamlessly into people's lives through increased flexibility in whether the attention signal and/or vibration is triggered.³ The *FNPRM* also proposes to require wireless providers that participate in WEA satisfy performance measures for WEA and provide alerting stakeholders with greater transparency regarding WEA's availability and performance.⁴

A summary of the *FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register on June 21, 2023, stating that comments on these proposed rules would be due 30 days after the date on which the Federal Register publication occurred, and that reply comments would be due 60 days after Federal Register publication.⁵ Accordingly, by this *Public Notice*, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau notifies interested parties that comments on the proposed rules are due on **July 21, 2023**, and reply comments are due on **August 21, 2023**.

Filing Procedures. Comments and reply comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.⁶ Comments and reply comments should refer to PS Docket Nos. 15-94 and 15-91.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the

¹ *Wireless Emergency Alerts; Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Emergency Alert System and*, PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 13-94; *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 23-30 (April 21, 2023).

² *See id.* at paras. 11-20.

³ *See id.* at paras. 29-30.

⁴ *See id.* at paras. 37-64.

⁵ *See* Federal Communications Commission, *Wireless Emergency Alerts; Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System*, 88 Fed. Reg. 40606 (June 21, 2023).

⁶ *See* Federal Communications Commission, *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (May 1, 1998).

ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

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- Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
 - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
 - Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554.
- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.⁷
- During the time the Commission’s building is closed to the general public and until further notice, if more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of a proceeding, paper filers need not submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number; an original and one copy are sufficient.

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Additional Information. For additional information on this proceeding, contact James Wiley, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau,

⁷ See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (2020).

⁸ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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